

Torrance, California
April 22, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, April 22, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Paula Harter of Girl Scout Troop 1055 led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Monrad Berguson opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held April 15, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen welcomed Boy Scout Troop 785 of North Torrance, present with Sr. Patrol leaders Davinsky and Walsh. He said about 35 of these boys were present to promote the Scout-O-Rama.

Mayor Isen then welcomed Girl Scout Troop No. 1055, who have been working hard to clean up all the campaign stickers left through the City from the last campaign. Each of the Councilmen had contributed to the \$50 to be paid to this troop, even though some of them had not had signs up. Mayor Isen asked Mrs. Alderete, leader of the Troop, to whom he should give the money the Councilmen have agreed to pay the Troop.

Miss Donna Berry came forward and accepted the payment for this civic service for her Troop.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An April 14, 1958, letter from Duane W. Wheeler & Co., 1010 No. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles, California, submitted an itemized statement covering his bill for our recent municipal election. This was furnished as requested by the City Council.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager how much of this bill had been paid, and the City Manager replied we had paid about half of the \$32,528 total on the invoice to us of March 27.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if he recommended payment of the balance.

The City Manager said he thought we should pay the remainder of the \$32,528 and not the other given in the statement.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, saying he wanted to discuss this.

Councilman Jahn questioned several items shown on the itemized statement, saying he would question the \$1000 charged to the City for Mr. Wheeler's time in answer calls from the City Clerk's office; he questioned the \$3,000 charged to the City for 10 persons to set up polling places; in the latter case, Councilman Jahn believed that money should have gone to someone in the City for handling the work. He also felt the \$4560 should have stayed in Torrance and the work could have been done here. He believed if the authority to do the

work of these elections had been given to our City Clerk, we should not 'farm it out'.

Mayor Isen expressed himself as feeling that this bill is outrageous, and said he believed Mr. Wheeler should have to prove it in court.

Councilman Beasley thought about a third of this bill was for work which should have been done by the City Clerk, and he could not understand why it is not done by that office. He felt the cost to us to be exorbitant. He pointed out that 152 precincts were set up in the City, many of which were very small, and that we were charged on the number of precincts. He stated he considered the bill too high and that he would vote against paying it.

Councilman Benstead felt the bill too high; he pointed out that the price of \$309 per precinct is higher even than the \$289 paid in Los Angeles; he said that Downey had paid only \$200 per precinct, and that all of these were very high charges.

Mayor Isen said that this charge of \$34,913 plus the approximately \$11,000 paid for polling places and election workers would mean that it cost us about \$3 per vote to hold the election.

Mayor Isen asked who set up the number of precincts in the City.

City Clerk Bartlett replied that is done by the Registrar of Voters.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if it was not within the City Clerk's province to make them up.

The City Attorney replied that our Charter adopts by reference the State Election Code, and that under the Code the City Clerk takes charge of the election.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk if he believed the \$1000 charged to us for Mr. Wheeler's time to answer calls from his office was fair, and if the City Clerk had talked to Mr. Wheeler that much.

City Clerk Bartlett replied he had no way of answering that, and that his assistants and Deputies had also talked to Mr. Wheeler.

Mayor Isen felt the bill was far too high.

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, City Clerk Bartlett said he did not know why our precincts are not the same size.

Upon being asked, the City Manager said he thought the price was too high.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if there were any negotiations made before the election to set the price or a round figure for the election or if any price agreement was made, and the City Manager replied no price had been agreed upon.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney whether, in the absence of an agreement on price, Mr. Wheeler would not have to charge on a reasonable basis, if this went to court.

The City Attorney believed so.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny payment of this bill as being too high, until such bill is revised or a satisfactory agreement reached by the Council with Mr. Wheeler, a substitute motion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Blount asked if we had made a contract with Mr. Wheeler on this, and the Mayor answered that he understood we had not.

Motion to deny carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. An April 11, 1958 letter from the Metropolitan Water District, Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, signed by Robert Diemer, General Manager and Chief Engineer of the District, notified the City of an increase in water rates effective July 1, 1958. A copy of the Resolution No. 5170, adopted by the District's Board of Directors at their meeting of April 8, 1958, was transmitted with the letter. Copies had gone to Mr. McVicar, Supt. of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, and to Mr. Geo. Stevens, City Manager and a Director of the District.

The City Manager said he had voted against this increase, under which the rate for our water will go from \$22 to \$25 July 1, 1958.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

3. A Notice of Hearing from the Public Utilities Commission dated 17th day of April, 1958, was signed by R. J. Pajalich, Secretary. This is in the matter of the application of the Charter Bus Transportation system for authority to operate Passenger Bus Service from contiguous cities with the greater Los Angeles area to Los Angeles Dodgers Professional baseball games.

The City Attorney reported he had filed a protest on this.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the City Attorney.

4. An April 16, 1958, letter from the California Water Service Co., 107 So. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, reported on complaints of dirty water in Lower Hollywood Riviera district. They said, in the letter which was signed by L. E. Carlson, Local Manager, that they had taken corrective measures, and will continue their efforts to contact the people concerned.

Councilman Benstead moved copies of this letter be sent to the people who have complained about this dirty water, saying the City Clerk should send the copies, and that the letter be filed as a matter of record.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

5. An April 10, 1958, letter from the United States Conference of Mayors, signed by Harry R. Betters, Executive Director, clarified the rate for membership in that group for our City.

Councilman Jahn asked to be told what advantages membership in this Conference would give us.

Mayor Isen suggested we ask for that information, and have the City Manager get it and report to the Council when he has it.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

6. An April 11, 1958, invitation for the Mayor and City Councilmen to attend the 1958 Conference of Mayors at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, September 11-13, 1958.

This was ordered held with the previous communication from the United States Conference of Mayors.

7. An April 11, 1958, letter from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County asked for correct and current information as to the director and alternate director from our City.

Mayor Isen said the director is automatically the Mayor, and that Councilman Jahn and then Councilman Drale had served as alternates.

Councilman Jahn said he would not mind being an alternate again.

Mayor Isen moved that Councilman Jahn serve as the alternate director for our City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to prepare the proper Resolution, and instructed that it should name him as our director and Councilman Jahn as the alternate director.

8. An April 9, 1958, letter from the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, District VII, signed by L. R. Gillis, District Engineer by Jack E. Eckhardt, Asst. District Engineer, concerned a traffic signal at Coast Highway and Tulita Avenue.

The letter advised us that their investigation has been completed and they find a signal there is not advisable at this time.

Councilman Jahn said we have been providing pedestrian crossing protection there for some time, by having policemen there every morning and evening. He asked if Redondo Beach had participated in providing this protection.

The City Manager explained that the children using the crosswalk

are Torrance children.

Councilman Jahn said what is important in this question is who owns the street, and he felt Redondo Beach should bear their share of the burden.

Asst. Chief of Police Porter said they have not participated in the duty; he also reported that the entire highway is in our City.

Councilman Jahn requested the City Manager contact Redondo Beach and ask them to participate in this protection.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale asked that the City Clerk's office send a copy of this letter to Monseigneur Collins at the school there.

9. An April 10, 1958, invitation from the Jr. Baseball League to the Council asked the Councilmen to lead the parade they will hold on their opening day, Saturday, May 3, starting at 10:00 A. M. The letter was signed by Mrs. Thelma Friberg, Activity Chairman, Women's Auxiliary, 1771 Santa Fe Avenue, Torrance.

After checking with the Councilmen, Mayor Isen announced that all of the Council and he would participate, and asked the City Clerk to send that information to Mrs. Friberg at once.

10. An April 14, 1958, letter from the Guild of Central Evangelical Church, offered to the City the use of Guild Hall for any emergency which may effect our City. The letter was signed by Mrs. De De Sparks, Corresponding Secretary.

Councilman Benstead asked that a letter of thanks be sent to them for this offer.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed George Powell to send this letter, and to thank them for our prior use of their Hall during the recent rains.

11. An April 15, 1958, letter from the Torrance Rod and Gun Club, signed by Joe H. Fanning, President, C. O. Battsel, Secretary, and by E. G. Maloy, W. E. Gilliard, C. S. Hanni, and Ben G. Smith as members of the Building Committee, asked that their Club be allowed to buy Lot P-6 from the City. This is a small triangular piece of land at the intersection of Border and Plaza del Amo. They want the land to build a club house for the use of their members. A sketch was attached showing the location of the land.

Councilman Jahn questioned whether they could build on the lot and observe the setbacks required by the City, and referred this question to Planning Director Powell and Bldg. Supt. Schlens.

Planning Director Powell said it is in an R-3 zone, and they could not adhere to the setbacks; theoretically, he added, they would have to give away 40' for the frontage there.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this.

Mr. Fanning said they wanted the land, but they had not gone into the details of the setbacks, etc., and they would appreciate working something out on this.

Councilman Benstead suggested referring this to the Building Dept. so the Club could work it out with them before anything final is done.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said the Building Department could not require the setbacks; so far as they are concerned, the owners of the land could use the entire property. The setbacks would be a planning problem and possibly one for the City Engineer to consider in connection with proposed street widening in the future.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the Planning Commission.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the next meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Wednesday, May 7, 1958.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Powell to notify these men of the meeting.

12. An April 17, 1958, letter from the Inter-City Highway Committee, signed by Wilburn E. Baker, President, submitted a copy of a Resolution adopted April 1, 1958, by the City Council of Manhattan Beach concerning the closing of Pacific Avenue and the effect that would have on traffic in nearby areas. They had appropriated a sum not to exceed \$250 for the purpose of making a survey.

When this was presented to the Inter-City Highway Committee at its April 10 meeting, they agreed that all member cities be requested to adopt a similar resolution, and gave their reasons for this.

The City Manager reported this is a new request, and that their other recent request had been for Engineering services.

Mr. John Mulvihill, lay member of the Committee for Torrance, was present and told the Council that the appropriation was expected only from those cities affected by this.

Councilman Jahn moved we adopt such a Resolution, but not pay the \$250.00.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

13. A petition requesting the abatement of the nuisance from flies and odor and mosquitoes, caused by Verburg Dairy, was dated April 18, and signed by 178 residents of that area.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone was present concerning this petition, and a number of people stood.

Planning Director Powell presented maps to the City Council showing the locations of all the dairies in our City.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to explain to the people the legal problem involved here.

The City Attorney reported he had inspected the dairy, along with Mr. Powell, and they had arranged to have the Chief Dairy Inspector inspect the dairy. He has talked several times with spokesmen for these people. The question is very complex from a legal standpoint. An effort has been made to have the Dairy Inspector watch the dairy for the past 6 months or a year; he had been out there since the recent heavy rains, himself, and he said the grounds were in bad condition and the smell very bad. About the only way we can do anything further on this is through a nuisance complaint, which is apparently what the people want. That is a very difficult problem because the dairy was there first. We could try it, but from the information he has gleaned from other City Attorneys, the County Counsel, and others he has consulted, the number of such complaints which have been successful is very small. He has been working on this for months and does not know an easy solution. He believed one of the ordinances submitted tonight for consideration may take care of the situation.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Powell if the reports on dairy conditions in the City which the Council had requested had been received.

Mr. Powell replied the Health Department has filed their reports with the City Attorney.

Councilman Blount referred to the successful effort we made to get the hog ranches out of our City, and said he believed we could do the same thing with dairies; he pointed out that there are no dairies in neighboring cities. He believed there must be a method to get rid of these dairies, and he thought we should start at once.

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw up the proper Ordinances to outlaw these dairies from within the City limits of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Jahn said he would second the motion if it would not place too much of the burden on the City Attorney.

The City Attorney said this could be attempted in the same fashion in which we attacked the problem of the hog ranches; he recalled it took two years to accomplish that improvement. He said we could have an investigation and follow up on the results.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was ordered carried.

Mayor Isen said we should make every effort to get immediate relief through the Health Department authorities so far as the flies

are concerned and other conditions they can alleviate.

Mr. Powell recommended that he and the City Attorney be authorized to visit them tomorrow morning and ask them to hurry this as much as they can.

Mayor Isen so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen addressed the group who had presented this petition, telling them the Council had been glad to help them before, and so far as their reference to taxes was concerned, the Mayor informed them that our City gets only about 1/6th of the total tax bill. He told them the Council would do the best possible to clean up the conditions prevailing. He said copies of the reports on these conditions would be sent to a representative of the group, if they would leave their name and address.

Mrs. L. Didak, 17919 Atkinson, asked to have them mailed to her.

Mr. Luth, 18009 Atkinson, who said he owns some of the cows under discussion here, explained the fact that the rains have created conditions over which they who own the cattle have no control; he added that they have taken all measures possible to prevent flies. He reported to the Council that some of the people here were sold their homes under the false assumption that the dairies were moving out within a period of months. He said this was not so, and asked if the people who gave this false information could not be punished.

Mayor Isen directed him to make such protests to the local Real Estate Board, as the Council has no jurisdiction over this.

14. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce dated April 18, 1958, signed by O. R. Trueblood, President. The letter requested the Council to proclaim April 24 to May 4, 1958, as "YOU AUTO BUY NOW WEEK" in Torrance.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3458

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROCLAIMING APRIL 24 TO MAY 4, 1958, AS
"YOU AUTO BUY NOW WEEK".

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved adoption of Resolution No. 3458.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Vel Miletich, of Vel's Ford Sales, spoke to the Council as a representative of the auto dealers of Torrance, saying he was accompanied by Paul Loranger of Paul's Chevrolet, Inc. The auto dealers want permission to block off the east side of Cabrillo from Paul's to the north of his own establishment and park their new cars in the street over Saturdays and Sundays during the period named in the Resolution. They suggested that two-way traffic could be routed on the other, west, side of Cabrillo during the time they have the street blocked. None of their neighbors object to this, nor do the people in business across the street from them.

Asst. Chief of Police Porter said the police could not approve two-way traffic on the west side of Cabrillo, but would prefer to re-route traffic.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request subject to approval of the Police Department.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens reported that Mr. Varner has presented the final plans and specs for the El Retiro Library, and they take into consideration all the changes suggested by City bodies; they show a sloping roof, the building has been squared away in accordance with the request of the Library Commission, etc.; City Manager Stevens recommended that in order to expedite this we accept the final plans and specifications as presented.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:10 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Mayor Isen reported to the Council that the City Manager recommended that Mr. Varner be given a progress payment on the El Retiro Library in the amount of \$1680.00.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

1. In a letter dated April 18, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

That Jack Egan, Airport Manager, be authorized to attend the American Association of Airport Executives Conference in Fresno May 4-7 inclusive, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Contract work on Arlington Avenue between 174th and 190th St. has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and approved and accepted by the Engineering Department. I recommend final acceptance by the City Council, so that final payment, in the amount of \$7,062.20, may be made. (Copy of statement attached.) This will be paid from the State Gas Tax Funds.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager under 'Appropriations'.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked what is holding up the completion of Arlington through to 203rd Street.

City Engineer Bishop replied that although the Public Utility Commission's has approved the right of way, and the right of way document has been transmitted to the Santa Fe Railway, they have not yet given us this.

Mayor Isen suggested another letter be sent on this.

City Engineer Bishop said he would do it at once.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY:

Mr. Dudley Gray has offered to sell approximately six acres of land at the corner of Plaza del Amo and Border Avenue to the City at a price of \$12,000 per acre. This land lies adjacent to the City's old dump site in that vicinity and is one of the sites that was proposed to be purchased under the Bond Issue. Mr. Gray will appear at the Council meeting to discuss the matter of terms and method of payment, if the City is interested.

Mayor Isen thought this should go to the Parks & Recreation Commission, and so moved.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen believed when the Commission has studied this, and has a recommendation ready, it should come back here.

The City Manager reported that the offer was made by Mr. Gray, but that the City does not have the money for such a purchase, and cannot possibly buy it this year.

Mayor Isen pointed out that it might be possible to work out a payment plan.

Councilman Beasley asked if this was an appraised price or Mr. Gray's price.

The City Manager said it was Mr. Gray's price.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this was still to be considered by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

2. In a memo dated April 18, 1958, the Street Superintendent recommended to the City Manager that the award of a bid for a tractor for the Street Dept. be made to the Southwest Tractor Sales, Inc., 18912 S. Normandie, Gardena, California, in the amount of \$4160., tax included, and that all other bids be rejected.

In an April 18 memo to the Council which was appended, the City Manager concurred with the recommendation of the Street Superintendent.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Street Supt. and the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead asked if there was any reason this could not go to the lowest bidder, and the City Manager pointed out the many differences which made this the best bid for the City, saying he felt this would be the cheapest for us in the long run.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 11, 1958, letter from the Ace Sign Co. asking to erect an "L" shaped sign on the SE corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds. The letter said the sign would be of temporary nature and would be removed when the new building is completed. A copy and construction plan for the above sign was enclosed with the letter.

Mr. Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., reported this is a temporary sign over 42 sq. ft. and required Council approval.

Councilman Blount moved to deny this application until we know how long it will be up.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

There was some discussion of this, and whether or not this sign would violate our ordinance.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion, and moved to table this request.

Motion to table seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. STATE GAS TAX EXPENDITURE - Fiscal Year 1958-59.
 - a. An April 17, 1958 letter from R. W. Bishop contained his restudy of the Memorandum of Agreement for the expenditure of 1958-59 gas tax funds, as submitted, in the light of the letter dated March 24, 1958, from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association signed by John G. L. Crain, President.
 - b. A copy of the letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Association referred to by the City Engineer.
 - c. A copy of the original study prepared by the City Engineer, dated April 4, 1958.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Crain had received a copy of the Engineer's April 17 letter, and City Engineer Bishop said a copy had been delivered to him in person.

Councilman Jahn asked how wide Crenshaw is now at the point under discussion, and City Engineer Bishop replied it is 40' wide, or 4 tight traffic lanes.

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, Asst. Chief of Police Porter said there are accidents there.

Councilman Jahn asked if it would not be normal for the improvements to be put in under an Assessment District.

Councilman Drale believed when the area develops we will get the necessary land for widening the street.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3453

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3453.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. PRAIRIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT.

- a. An April 17, 1958, letter from City Engineer Bishop submitted a copy of a letter from S. A. Cummings Contracting Corp. requesting an extension of time of 59 calendar days on contract for the widening of Prairie Avenue between 182nd and 174th Streets.

The City Engineer's letter recommended that the extension of time requested be granted.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead could not understand the length of time requested, saying it had not rained that many days.

The City Manager explained that it had rained enough to keep him off the work for two months.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

3. HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND 174TH ST., Bus Loading Zones
 - a. An April 17, 1958, letter from Asst. to City Engineer, John Patrick, submitted copy of the letter from the Divn. of Highways, dated April 10, 1958, and a copy of the form signed by G. M. Webb, Traffic Engineer, dated April 3, 1958, in which they approved the Ordinance of the City of Torrance, No. 942, establishing bus loading zoned on a portion of Hawthorne Blvd. and 174th St., and pointing out the limitation on the operation of the ordinance.

Councilman Jahn protested that he believed the Council had deleted that bus loading zone.

Mayor Isen asked if this should not go to Bus Supt. Chamberlain for an explanation.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

4. SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3.
 - a. An April 18, 1958, letter from the Asst. to City Engineer J. Patrick, submitted copy of an April 14, 1958, letter from C. J. Dorfman, contractor on the So. Torrance Sewer Dist. No. 3, asking an extension of 45 days on the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3. Mr. Patrick recommended that the extension requested be granted.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn said the contractor should fill the chuck holes in the streets there, too, as they are very bad from this work.

The City Engineer was directed to check on this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. An April 14, 1958, letter from J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, requested that the City Council accept as satisfactorily completed the fencing contract (approved by City Council December 17, 1957), for Sea-Aire Park in the amount of \$745.00.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Russell's request.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. An April 17, 1958, letter from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, submitted to the Council the necessary resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract for the painting of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge, sandblasting of the pool deck, and other miscellaneous items of repair at the plunge, which Mr. Russell said the Council had awarded to Milton T. Johnson, the lowest bidder.

Councilman Drale submitted to the City Clerk a letter from Jim H. Sharrock, 248 West 11th St., San Pedro, California, dated April 18, 1958, which he asked be read in full.

City Clerk Bartlett read in full the letter from Mr. Sharrock, which protested at length the manner in which this was handled. He stated he had come to the City Hall about the bid, and was referred to Mr. Russell, asked him for written specifications and was told there were no written specs. Mr. Sharrock had understood Mr. Russell to say that the only work to figure was the painting, and that he should not figure the sandblasting, which Mr. Sharrock said was his foreman's understanding too.

Mr. Russell said anyone interested was allowed to figure the whole thing or just the painting. He said Mr. Horlander had told everyone they could bid on the whole thing or part of it.

Mr. Sharrock said he buys his paint here in Torrance, and the man at the store where he buys it had told him about this; he had come to the City Hall and talked to Mr. Russell, who told Mr. Sharrock and his foreman that there were no written specs but that he should bid on the paint only. He said he had discussed this with Strand & Son and their specs were different than the information given him. He related the differences, saying one was supposed to point up all the holes and the other, himself, told the pool would be ready to paint. He had sent his foreman back in to get this clarified, and the foreman had been told again not to sandblast.

Mr. Russell took issue with this statement, and asked to have the matter held over for another week.

Mr. Sharrock said he did not care about the job, that he may never bid here again, but that this had not been presented to him properly.

Mayor Isen asked why there were no written specs.

Mr. Russell said there had been, and he read from a sheet he had.

Mayor Isen said he had received a complaint of a similar nature from Mr. Strand.

Mr. Russell said he had received a letter from Mr. Strand saying he could not figure on the whole thing.

Mayor Isen said that did not agree with what Mr. Strand had told him.

Mr. Sharrock said he could have done the job for about \$500 less than the bid accepted if he had received the information and written specs.

Mr. Russell said he would be glad to see that bid.

Councilman Benstead asked how much time we have on this.

Mr. Russell asked to have this held over for a week.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Sharrock why there had been no protest made a week ago when the bid was awarded.

Mr. Sharrock said his foreman had been here, but he had not felt it to be his duty to raise this question.

Mr. Sharrock said he had come here and asked about cleaning the pool after the sand blasting and prior to painting, and was told it would be broomed out and all they would have to do would be to sweep it.

Mr. Russell asked to have this held over for a week to allow this man to bid.

Councilman Jahn said he was averse to opening bids publicly and then letting someone else re-bid. He did not feel it to be fair to the original bidder or the person who makes the re-bid. He recalled the circumstances under which this had been referred to Mr. Russell and Mr. Van Bellehem to make up a new list of specs and get estimates. He had seen the sheet, and had told Mr. Johnson about it. Mr. Johnson came in about it, and had apparently received the sheet and bid. Councilman Jahn believed the Council should have a full report on this matter, but he did not believe a re-bid should be allowed.

Mr. Sharrock agreed with Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead moved this be held over for an investigation and report from Mr. Russell.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Bradford moved we accept the bid from Milton T. Johnson to sandblast and paint the pool.

Mayor Isen explained that it had been accepted, and directed the City Clerk to give the Resolution a number.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3454

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AND MILTON T. JOHNSON.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3454.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3454.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen directed that from now on, there shall be a definite policy about this; when anything goes to bid, there should be written specification and everyone who asks for them shall receive them.

Councilman Jahn stated that he knew specs had been prepared on this, and Councilman Benstead asked for a copy of them.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. An April 15, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, transmitted that Commission's recommendation that a 5-year exclusive lease, with the terms to be worked out by the City Attorney and Airport Manager Jack Egan, commensurate with such agreements at other airport, to terminate in 5 years or at the completion of a terminal building, be granted the Avis Rent-a-Car System at the Torrance Airport.

Mr. Rouse, who had submitted the application for the lease, asked to have this referred back to the Airport Commission.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale said he would accept the opinion from the City Attorney which the Attorney had given the Airport Commission, saying such an exclusive franchise could be granted.

2. An April 15, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, submitted to the Council without recommendation an application from Black & Markely for permission to sell gasoline and petroleum products at the Torrance Airport. The application was dated February 27, 1958.

Councilman Benstead asked what kind of products they would sell.

Councilman Drale moved to grant this permit.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the permit.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen pointed out the Council had a policy of allowing only three such permits on the Airport, and that there are already three.

3. An April 15, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, submitted their recommendation that the City attempt to get one of the usable frequencies for our Airport tower.

Councilman Blount said the statements made in this letter are not all true and factual and demonstrate a lack of knowledge. He suggested the recommendation be returned to them with a copy of this comment and for further consideration.

Councilman Jahn said he thought there was a basis here for a very good thought. 118.6 is the frequency assigned to us, and while it is an uncommon frequency, it is not an impossible one. Some planes already have it. He believed he had heard - and it was only a rumor - that one of the frequencies Los Angeles International has tied up which they are not using is 118.3, which is within the range of the Airport frequencies. If it is possible for us to get this for our tower, he thought we should do so. He believed if this motion is concurred with or changed a little, that we stand a chance of getting a better frequency for our tower that makes it more usable to the men

in small planes who have a limited number of channels they can put crystals into that would be usable in other places it would not interfere in this area.

Mayor Isen asked whether it was Councilman Jahn's thought that there should be concurrence and that this should be referred to the Airport Manager for him to attempt to get this frequency.

Councilman Jahn said it was, and he so moved.

Councilman Blount said he had no objection to trying to get the more useful frequency. He said he did object to the statement that 'no business plane can fly in here under our traffic control as none can pick up our frequency, etc.', as it was not true.

Mayor Isen directed that Councilman Blount's comments be made a part of the record and pointed out to the Airport Commission.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale asked if Councilmen Blount and Jahn feel our present system is acceptable.

Councilmen Blount and Jahn explained to the Council and the audience in detail the matter of the frequency under discussion, its use, the fact that another, or special crystal is needed to receive or send on the frequency, etc.

Councilman Beasley asked 1) how much this extra crystal will cost, and 2) how much equipment will be required to put it in after we get it.

Councilman Jahn and Councilman Blount believed this would cost either \$12.50 or \$10.00.

Councilman Blount said he concurred with Councilman Jahn on this, but did not agree with the Airport Commission because their statement was not true and he did not want it to be unchallenged.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount asked whether being on the Airport Commission meant a Commissioner could park his plane on the Airport without paying the fees other people pay.

Mayor Isen asked to whom this question was directed, and Councilman Blount said he did not care who answered it, but suggested the City Attorney reply.

The City Attorney said no such privilege was extended to members of the Commission.

Councilman Blount said he would have a further report on this next week.

4. A recommendation dated April 15, 1958, from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, that William G. Lott be allowed to lease from 1.71 to 2 acres of land at the Airport was read next, and a minority report from Commissioner Simpson, dated April 14, 1958, was considered with it. Commissioner Simpson reported that he would recommend an appraisal be made of the land before a price is set.

Several of the Councilmen agreed with Commissioner Simpson.

Councilman Jahn asked if we might be able to get an informal appraisal.

The City Manager thought if we got such an appraisal, it might not serve us, and that if we got one Mr. Martin, who has done many other appraisals in the area and is familiar with it might do this for us. He did not know what this would cost, and said we would have to get an estimate of the cost.

Mayor Isen moved to table this until such time as we get a report from Mr. Stevens on the cost of such an appraisal.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

The City Manager said if we get this appraisal, it will mean we have had one on all the industrial or commercial land at the Airport.

Councilman Blount asked the City Manager to furnish the Council, with this report, information as to the other lease prices on the North

side of the Airport for comparison purposes.

Councilman Beasley asked if most of those leases had escalator clauses tied to the value of the property, etc.

The City Manager said the more recent ones do, but not the older leases.

The motion to table was ordered carried, as there were no objections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. CASE NO. 487 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval, with certain stipulations, of Case No. 487, application of George J. Rosenblatt, 1104 Elm Drive, L. A. 35, for a Variance on a portion of Lot 30, McDonald Tract, being the SW 1/4 of Lot 30, at the end of Fonthill Ave., 130' north of 190th St., to construct six-unit apartments, with garages. Attached were an excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of March 19, 1958, and a location sketch.

Councilman Jahn referred to Item f of the stipulations, 'the complete parcel of land is to remain permanently under single ownership'. He asked how we could make this stipulation.

The City Attorney reported it could be made a covenant running with the land.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with all the conditions, and with Item f to be complied with before any building permit is issued.

Mayor Isen questioned Item f, saying he did not see how we could tie up the land like that. He asked if there is no other way to take care of this.

Councilman Blount suggested we could subdivide it as one lot.

Mayor Isen thought the suggestion an excellent one.

Mayor Isen asked to hold this for a week and get a report from the City Attorney as to how to accomplish this so we can get all the intent of the motion concurred with.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion, as there were no objections.

2. CASE NO. 493 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 493, subject to stipulations, to sell plants and allied products of a nursery in a portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765, situated at the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Road in an A-1 Zone. Attached to this were a location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of March 19 and April 2, 1958.

Councilman Benstead asked what is meant by 'closed fence' as specified in Stipulation a.

Planning Director Powell said any type of tight fence; the man who plans this business and his neighbor had agreed on a wooden fence and planting as a boundary between their properties.

Mayor Isen suggested that a copy of that agreement should have been furnished to the Council, spelling out the type of fence.

Planning Director Powell referred the Council to Page 4 of the March 19 Minutes furnished, where Stipulation 1 states this shall be a wooden fence, completely closed.

Councilman Benstead wanted to know what kind of wood.

Councilman Beasley said they had made an agreement on this which both signed and which is an exhibit of the Planning Commission. He suggested that such agreements be transmitted to the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and if necessary that the letter from the petitioner and the neighbor be made a part of the record.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. CASE NO. 496 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 496, subject to conditions, application of Lorine Harline, 24263 Los Codona for a Variance to construct two apartments above a 3-car garage in Land Use Zone R-1. Attached were a location sketch and excerpts from the March 19 and April 2, 1958, Minutes of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Jahn asked Planning Director Powell why we could not have a study of rezoning some of these areas and not have so many Variances.

Mr. Powell replied that such a plan had been instigated about a year and a half ago and there had been too many protests in the area against it.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney submitted to the Council an April 10 letter from O'Melveny & Myers, 433 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 13, concerning the City of Torrance Park & Recreation Bonds, Election 1958, and an April 11, 1958, statement from them for their services in that matter, a sum of \$750.00.

Councilman Drale moved the statement submitted by O'Melveny & Myers be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. An April 10, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted to the Council the recommendation of the Building Superintendent on amendments to the Sign Ordinance. The Attorney and Bldg. Supt. requested that the Council inform them of its desire with respect to the four proposed amendments, so that those approved might be incorporated into the Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn asked if one of these proposed amendments meant a roof sign could be as big as desired.

Mayor Isen did not like that amendment.

Mr. Schelns said a billboard is not a sign on a building. He did not know how he could control a sign on a roof, but a billboard could not be put up on a roof because of the 30# wind load. He said he and the Attorney had worked on this to try to regulate the signs. He said there is an application in now for a tremendous sign at the shopping center near Sepulveda and Palos Verdes which will have to come here for approval. He said these amendments were suggested to clarify the temporary signs, billboards, etc.

Mayor Isen thought there should be some size limitation on roof signs.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with these recommendations and asked that they include a reasonable size limitation on roof signs.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Schlens felt that some signs should require that a business license should be issued; in this way, he could obtain proof of license from the applicant before giving a permit where that is legally required.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Planning Director Powell asked why the size of real estate signs had been increased.

Mr. Schlens said he did not have enough men to enforce the present size requirement.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

3. An April 10, 1958, letter from the Attorney concerned the Duschak Helicopter operations. The report was made as requested by Councilman Blount at the February 18 meeting of the Council, and was quite lengthy.

Councilman Blount asked to have this held over to be back on the agenda in two weeks.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At 10:10 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 10:20 P. M.

4. The City Attorney, with a letter dated April 18, 1958, submitted a utility easement on property east of "Earl St.".

Councilman Drale moved to accept the easement.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney reported that he would recommend, in view of legal proceedings now under way, that the City do no work at all on this easement until the legal matter as mentioned has been settled.

After a short discussion, the Council ordered the City Attorney's recommendation to be followed, as there were no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. A March 25, 1958, letter resubmitted by the City Attorney, submitted a Resolution amending Resolution No. 1935 to ensure the proper street light standards would be placed in all new subdivisions.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3455

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR SUBDIVISION, IMPROVEMENTS, LAND SUBJECT TO INUNDATION, DEED RESTRICTIONS, REZONING, AREA CALCULATIONS, FEES PLAN CHECKING AND INSPECTION DEPOSITS AS REQUIRED FROM THE CITY ENGINEER BY SECTION 26.14 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NO. 1935 AND 2024 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of this Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3455.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Council discussed this Resolution with the City Attorney, who said some of the points mentioned here were covered by the Land Use Ordinance, and should not be in this, however, the entire Staff is now working on preparing a better, more up to date Resolution on this and any necessary changes would be incorporated in it.

2. A Resolution on the License from the City to Vegas Airways, Inc., as sole operator for station licensing purposes for the Torrance Municipal Airport was next on the Agenda.

Councilman Blount felt that the license read, in effect, that regardless of anything that Vegas might or might not do, they had the license for a year, whether their service is adequate or not. That was not what he had understood; he had understood that under the motion, unless there is adequate service, the City had the right to cancel the license. He believed this license stated otherwise, and asked the City Attorney if his statement was correct.

The City Attorney agreed that it was.

Councilman Blount wanted the license amended so if the service is not adequate, the license can revert to the City.

Councilman Jahn referred to his original motion on this, and the clarification he made of that motion later, and agreed that this license should be corrected.

The City Attorney asked if this meant that they want the City to be able to take the license back within the first year if the service is not satisfactory.

That was what the Councilmen wanted.

There was no objection, and this was ordered held over for a week for the re-writing of the license.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3457

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ROME CABLE CORPORATION FOR THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1730 TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3457.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. An April 4, 1958, letter from the City Attorney resubmitted the Airport Ordinance for study, reported it had been studied and approved by the CAA and by Mr. Stevens and Mr. Egan.

Councilman Jahn said he had been talked out of most of his requests by the CAA and he now found that some of them are effective at 'Federal Air' airports. He wanted the Council to know that some of the safety measures he had proposed were not in the Ordinance for that reason.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 970

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 3 THEREFOR RELATING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 970 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. A cover letter dated April 18, 1958, submitted to the Council four proposed Ordinance amending the Land Use Ordinance. The letter outlined the changes made by the ordinances and reported all had been recommended for approval by the unanimous vote of the Planning Commission, which has held the necessary hearings. The few changes recommended by that Commission have been made.

Councilman Drale asked to have these tabled for study.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. Planning Director Powell, with a letter dated April 10, 1958, submitted an Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case 479; this was a Change of Zone unanimously approved by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 975

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 479.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 975 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. An April 10, 1958, letter from G. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted to the Council an Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 478, a Change of Zone unanimously approved by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 976

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 478.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 976 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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5. An April 10, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted an Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 480, a Change of Zone unanimously approved by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 977

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 480.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 977 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. An April 10, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted an ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 481, as approved unanimously by the City Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 978

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 481.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 978 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. An April 10, 1958, cover letter from Planning Director Powell submitted an Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 482, a Change of Zone approved unanimously by the City Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 979

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 482.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 979 at its

first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. An April 10, 1958, cover letter from Planning Director Powell submitted an Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 483, a Change of Zone unanimously approved by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 483.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 980 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. An April 17, 1958, cover letter from Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council an Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 484, a Change of Zone approved by the Council at the time of the Hearing by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 981

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 484.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 981 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported that a complaint and summons was received in that office on April 17, 1958, in the action of Thomas E. Tapp, against the Torrance Police Dept., Goodyear Service Stores, Inc., et al, for false imprisonment, submitted by Attorney Clifford J. Peterson of the firm Cowan & Peterson. The Office of the City Clerk reported there is no record of a verified claim on file

with the City in this matter.

Mayor Isen said that while we furnish service to the City of Redondo Beach by housing and feeding their prisoners, we have no indemnity clause in our agreement with them, and should have.

The City Attorney replied that he is preparing an indemnity agreement.

2. The office of the City Clerk reported the Air Pollution Control District report for the period of January, February and March, 1958, is on file in that office.

3. The office of the City Clerk reported the Annual Report for 1956-1957 of the State Board of Equalization is now on file in the City Clerk's office.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed May 1, 1958, as "LAW DAY - USA" in the City.

ORAL PROCLAMATIONS

The City Manager reported that he had been asked by the Council to tell them what funds we have available for paving Sepulveda near Hawthorne by the new commercial development there. He reported we have only \$11,000 left in our funds to take care of all our maintenance in the City for the rest of the fiscal year, and he did not think we should spend it all at one spot. Therefore, he did not recommend that we pave that street at this time.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen wondered if the interested parties would advance the money if we agreed to reimburse them later.

The City Manager said such a plan might be worked out.

City Manager Stevens said streets all over the City are in bad condition because of the rains. He said there will soon be a similar request from Arrow Brands, a new plant on Crenshaw.

The City Manager reported that regarding the work being done toward mosquito abatement, as of last Friday, when the crews were still working all day and overtime, trying to alleviate this nuisance, we had used over 5,000 gallons of the insecticide. We still do have bad conditions because of the rains, but we are trying to follow up the complaints as fast as we can.

Councilman Benstead asked what can be done to correct the odors near the dairy on Hawthorne.

The City Manager did not know; he said he believed the Health Dept. was working on this. We are now pumping in the area and will move the pump over there tomorrow.

Mayor Isen had received a complaint from 22908 Anza about the mosquitoes; he asked if anything had been done in that area.

The City Manager replied he would check.

Councilman Beasley reported to the City Manager that the pumping in 'Walteria Lake' had stopped this evening.

Councilman Drale said he understood that the City of Vernon and the City of Torrance were marked for huge increases in taxes next year. He felt this to be the time to protest to the Board of Supervisors, and he moved a Resolution be sent to the Board of Supervisors and Assessor Quinn stating the City of Torrance wants to hold taxes down.

Mayor Isen asked if the increase would be in taxes or in assessed valuations.

Councilman Drale felt either would result in increased taxes.

Councilman Jahn said he would second the motion if it meant we would send a letter to Assessor Quinn regarding assessed valuations and a Resolution to the Supervisors regarding tax rates.

Councilman Drale accepted the clarification, and, as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have a report on the trash pickup service, showing who is paying for this service, who is delinquent, how many pickups we make, etc.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said some time back there was a move to reimburse one of the Commissions; he felt in connection with the new Budget, we should consider reimbursing the members of Commissions, who give a lot of their time and work and should receive some token payment.

Mayor Isen moved the lay members of Commissions receive a sum of \$10 for each meeting they attend, not to exceed two meetings each month, starting with the new fiscal year on July 1, 1958.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, but said he thought members of the Planning Commission should get \$15 per meeting.

Planning Director Powell said the Ordinance only allows \$10 per meeting, and made no mention of expenses.

Councilman Drale favored keeping such payment uniform.

Councilman Bradford asked how many Commissioners are involved.

Councilman Jahn said he thought this would be about \$620 per month.

Councilman Bradford asked if the people volunteer for this service or are asked to take the positions.

Mayor Isen said some volunteer and some are appointed.

Councilman Jahn said there are 31 Commissioners serving the City.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, ~~Jahn~~, ^{Drale} Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, ~~Drale~~. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. *See Minutes of 4/29/58*
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Mayor Isen said he would have the Council Committee appointments next week.

With reference to the Inter-City Highway Committee, he would like to appoint J. A. Beasley to take that office at this time.

Councilman Drale suggested that name should be submitted to the Committee for their approval.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance